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The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin

For March 17, 2023 to March 24, 2023

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Solar-Terrestrial Data

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SFI:140 SN: 38

A-Index: 8

K-Index: 3

X-Ray: C1.6

304Å: 149.9 @ SEM

Ptn Flx: 48

Etc Flx: 14100

Aurora: 2/n=1.99

Mag (Bz): 5.0

Solar Wind: 417.6

Geomag Field UNSETTLD

Sig Noise Lvl 32-33

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3A, MONACO. Lorenzo, **3A2OG** is a new amateur radio operator and has been active while testing various HF antennas. He is interested in using QRP and in portable operations. QSL direct.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0331)

4L, GEORGIA. Rene, DL2JRM is QRV as **4L/DL2JRM** until **March 20th**. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using CW. QSL to [DL2JRM](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0324)

7P, LESOTHO. Schalk, ZS4Z is QRV as **7P8LL**. Activity is on 80 to 2 meters, including 70 and 23 centimeters. QSL via [EA7FTR](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 9 March 2, 2023] (0303-0324)

8P, BARBADOS. Eliot, W1MJ will be active holiday style as **8P9MJ** from Barbados (NA-021) on **March 18th-25th**. Operating QRP CW using wire antennas, he hopes "to do at least one or two Parks on the Air sessions". QSL via LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0324)

9G, GHANA. Team **9G4X** (Zeev 4X4ZS, Haim 9G5AF, Curt N2ZX, George N4GRN, Joe K9UR, Gregg W6IZT, Hal W8HC, Bob W9AP and Mike WBØSND) will be active from Langma, Ghana on **March 22nd-30th**, including a Multi-Two entry in the CQWW WPX Phone Contest. Outside the contest they will operate five stations: three on 160-10 meters, one on 6 meters and one QRV on QO-100. QSL via [ClubLog's QQRS](#), LoTW, or via K4NHW. The team also looks forward to working with some of the local amateurs sharing DXpedition and contest operating experiences that they hope will encourage the locals to pick up and continue after departure. The 5-element antenna for six meters will be donated to the Accra Amateur Radio Club (9G2DX) for their continued use during the 6m season.

-[425DXN # 1660 February 25, 2023] (0317-0331)

9X, RWANDA. The Russian DXpedition Team will be active as **9X5RU** from near Kigali, Rwanda from **March 22nd to April 7th**. The team (R5AF, R5EC, R7AL, R9LR, RT9L, RW8A, RW9JZ and UA3QLC) will be QRV on 160-6m and the QO-100 satellite, CW, SSB and FT8 with several stations and a wide range of antennas. QSL via [ClubLog's QQRS](#) and LoTW. Bookmark <https://9x5ru.org/> for more information and updates.

-[425DXN # 1662 March 11, 2023] (0317-0407)

9X, RWANDA. Eddy, OE3SEU, is currently on a caravan tour through Africa and operates as **9X3SE/p** since February 26th. QRV on SSB and via QO-100. **It is unknown how long he will stay** in the country. QSL via LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2344 March 8, 2023] (0310-0331)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. The national ham organization EARS runs the special event station **A6ØAP** with additional designators /Ø to /15 to mark their country's astronaut program.

A6ØAP/Ø	Op. A61Y	QSL: EA7FTR
A6ØAP/1	Op. A61M	QSL: A61BK
A6ØAP/2	Op. A61Q	QSL: EA7FTR
A6ØAP/3	Op. A61FK	QSL: A61BK
A6ØAP/4	Op. A61BK	QSL: A61BK
A6ØAP/5	Op. A61DD	QSL: EA7FTR
A6ØAP/6	Op. A61QQ	QSL: A61BK
A6ØAP/7	Op. A61AY	QSL: DIRECT
A6ØAP/8	Op. A65GC	QSL: DIRECT
A6ØAP/9	Op. A61ZX	QSL: I28CLM
A6ØAP/1Ø	Op. A65BR	QSL: DIRECT
A6ØAP/11	Op. A61NN	QSL: EA7FTR
A6ØAP/12	Op. A65GD	QSL: Direct
A6ØAP/13	Op. A65GJ	QSL: Direct
A6ØAP/14	Op. A61FJ	QSL: LZ1YE
A6ØAP/15	Op. A61DI	QSL: EA7FTR

They remain active **until the end of August**. For more information see:

https://www.mbrsc.ae/service/astronaut_prog/

QSL A6ØAP via [EA7FTR](#).

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0421)

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Thomas, DL2RMC is QRV as **A65CW** **until the end of September**. He is active on 80 to 6 meters using CW and FT8. This includes activity on Satellite QO-100. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 9 March 2, 2023] (0303-0331)

C2, NAURU. Phill, FK1TS will be on Nauru (OC-031) for six days (**March 18th-24th**) and plans to be QRV as **C21TS**: in the "worst case scenario, I might pop up on 6m and 10m only with a mobile whip", he says, but he hopes to be able to "string up some wire". He will operate FT8 only, using MSHV on secondaries in multi stream mode. QSL via LoTW. He might be moving to Nauru for an extended period, sometime after June this year. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/C21TS> for updates.

-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0324)

C6, BAHAMAS. Steve, KG4LJB is active holiday style as **C6AJB** from Eleuthera (NA-001), Bahamas **until March 24th**. He operates FT8 and SSB. QSL via LoTW ("I do not have the time or resources to issue paper QSL cards").

-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0324)

CT3, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Look for **CT9/DD8ZX**, **CT9/DF7EE** and **CT9/DJ9KM** to be active from Madeira (AF-014) on **March 22nd-28th**. Helmut, DF7EE will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as **CQ3W**. QSL CT9/[DD8ZX](#) and CT9/[DJ9KM](#) via LoTW or home calls; QSL CQ3W and CT9/DF7EE via LoTW or [ClubLog's OQRS](#).

-[425DXN # 1662 March 11, 2023] (0317-0331)

CYØ, SABLE ISLAND. After a delay of almost 3 years, the **CYØS** DXpedition to Sable Island is now due to take place from **March 20th to 30th**. The team consists of: Jay K4ZLE, Craig K9CT, Lou N2TU, John W2GD, Dan W4DKS, **Glenn WØGJ**, Murray WA4DAN, and Lee WW2DX. They plan to set up 3 rigs for 160-6m (including 60m) and 2m EME. QSL via [WA4DAN](#), OQRS, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0331)

D4, CAPE VERDE. Luca, HB9OBD will be active holiday style as **D44KIT** from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde from **March 8th to April 5th**. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via [EB7DX](#).

-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0303-0407)

D6, COMOROS. Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as **D67AA** from Comoros (AF- 007) on **March 10th-22nd**. He will operate SSB, CW, FT8 (F/H) and FT4 on 160-10 meters (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/D67AA> for the band plan). QSL via LoTW (preferred) or direct to [JF1OCQ](#); he will upload his log also to ClubLog and other platforms.

-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0310-0324)

DL, GERMANY. The DARC club V22 runs the special event station **DM775NB** (special DOK NB775) to mark the 775th anniversary of the city Neubrandenburg in 2023. QSL via bureau or direct to [DM6RAC](#).

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0407)

DU, PHILIPPINES. Jacek, SP5APW will be QRV as **DU1/SP5APW** from the Babuyan Islands, IOTA OC-092, from **March 18th to 26th**. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to [SP5APW](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0331)

DXCC TOP TWENTY. Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list, last updated March 12, 2023:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 1. P5 DPRK (North Korea) | 11. FT5/X Kerguelen Island |
| 2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island | 12. YVØ Aves Island |
| 3. FT5/W Crozet Island | 13. VKØM Macquarie Island |
| 4. BS7H Scarborough Reef | 14. ZS8 Prince Edward & Marion Islands |
| 5. CEØX San Felix Islands | 15. KH4 Midway Island |
| 6. BV9P Pratas Island | 16. PYØS Saint Peter And Paul Rocks |
| 7. KH7K Kure Island | 17. PYØT Trindade & Martim Vaz Islands |
| 8. KH3 Johnston Island | 18. KP5 Desecheo Island |
| 9. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island | 19. VP8S South Sandwich Islands |
| 10. FT/G Glorioso Island | 20. KH5 Palmyra & Jarvis Islands |

For the complete list, see <https://clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF March 17, 2023] (0317-0331)

EA, SPAIN. The Radio Club de Henares operates the special event station **AO25AH** **during March** to draw attention to the Spanish Amateur Radio Historical Archive EA4DO, established in 1998.

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0407)

EA, SPAIN. Look for **EG4IF**, **EG1GURU**, **EG2GURU**, **EG3GURU**, **EG4GURU**, **EG5GURU** and **EG7GURU** to be QRV from various SOTA locations during March. This activity is a tribute to Jose-Antonio Gurutzarri "Guru" Jauregi (EA2IF), an outstanding personality of the Summits On The Air program, who passed away on March 11, 2022. QSL cards will not be provided; see <https://sites.google.com/view/ea2if-memorial> for the certificate that will be available.

-[425DXN # 1660 February 25, 2023] (0224-0331)

EX, KYRGYZSTAN. Bob, DU7ET (VQ9ET) will be QRV from Bishkek as **EXØET** for five weeks starting February 22nd. After this he will return to the Philippines. QSL direct to [DU7ET](#).

-[DXNL # 2342 February 22, 2023] (0224-0331)

FG, GUADELOUPE. Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will be active as **TO1Q** from Guadeloupe (NA-102) starting on March 20th for a couple of weeks. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-6m, and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#) or via [F1ULQ](#).

-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0407)

FG, GUADELOUPE. Gildas, [F6HMQ](#) and Michel, [F6GWV](#) are QRV as **FG/F6HMQ** and **FG/F6GWV** respectively until March 26th. They will be active as **TO3Z** in the ARRL International SSB DX contest and the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to home calls, and TO3Z via [F6HMQ](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 9 March 2, 2023] (0303-0324)

FG, GUADELOUPE. Philippe, F1DUZ, operates as **FG4KH** until March 8th, including the REF SSB contest (February 25th-26th) and the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4th-5th). QSL via [F1DUZ](#), LoTW, eQSL.

-[DXNL # 2341 February 15, 2023] (0217-0312)

FM, MARTINIQUE. Miguel, EA1BP will be active as **FM/EA1BP** from Martinique (NA-107) on March 21st-28th. He will operate SSB with a focus on 17 and 12m and will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest as TO7O. QSL via LoTW, or via [EA1BP](#). [TNX NG3K]

-[425DXN # 1662 March 11, 2023] (0317-0331)

FO/M, MARQUESAS ISLANDS. The "Magnet" is heading to the Marquesas Islands (OC-027), where she is expected to arrive around March 18th and stay until March 30th. Plans are for George, AA7JV and Mike, KN4EEI "to put ashore a small DXpedition with three stations": one full power station will be operated locally on 160-10 meters CW and SSB; two 100-watt stations will be operated remotely on 80-6 meters FT8. Bookmark <https://www.qrz.com/db/AA7JV> for updates.

-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0317-0331)

FR, REUNION. Stephane, F5UOW will be active holiday style as **FR/F5UOW** from Reunion Island (AF-016) on March 9th-27th. He operates CW. QSL via LoTW, "not bureau".

-[425DXN # 1662 March 11, 2023] (0310-0331)

FS, SAINT MARTIN. Tom, AA9A, will be active as **PJ7AA** from March 3rd until April 1st on 80-10m (CW, SSB, FT8). QSL via [AA9A](#), OQRS, LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2343 March 1, 2023] (0303-0331)

G, ENGLAND. Special callsign **GB75MM** draws attention to the first Morris Minor car production 75 years ago. It was the first automobile brand in Great Britain produced in the millions. QRV until March 28th. QSL via [GB75MM](#) or via [GØAIH](#).

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0331)

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND. Special callsigns **GB1PAT** and **GB2PAT** are the for members of the Bushvalley Amateur Radio Club (MNØGKL) to use on **March 1st-28th** to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. QSLs via LoTW only. Three certificates will be available for making contact with both callsigns on different bands, see <https://www.qrz.com/db/GB1PAT>.
-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0303-0331)

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Members of the Loma del Toro DX Club will be QRV as **HIØLT** from Isla Cabras, IOTA NA-122, from **March 12th to 19th**. Activity will be on 160 to 2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via [EB7DX](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0324)

HKØ, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA. Alex, DK8FD will be QRV as **HKØ/DK8FD** from Providencia, IOTA NA-033, from **March 20th to 25th**. QSL to [DK8FD](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0324)

HP, PANAMA. VA3QR will be active as **HP3/VA3QR** from **March 11th to 20th** on 80-10m (SSB, FT8) with 100W. QSL via [VA3QR](#), LoTW.
-[DXNL # 2344 March 8, 2023] (0310-0324)

I, ITALY. Celebrating the centenary of the Italian Air Force (March 28, 1923), a large number of special callsigns will be active from **March 20th to June 20th**: **IIØAQN, IIØBPL, IIØCMP, IIØFRO, IIØGUI, IIØLAT, IIØMVV, IIØPDM, IIØRMC, II1CAM, II2MIL, II2VNG, II3AFT, II3AVI, II3BLN, II3GOR, II3IST, II4PNF, II5PIS, II5PON, II6PES, II7BRI, II7LEG, II8RCL, II8REG, II8VVL, II9CMS, II9CTF, II9CVT, II9PAB, II9SIG, II9TMM, IO5LUT, IO9MAR, IY1TO**. The activity is organized by the Associazione Radioamatori Italiani (ARI) in collaboration with the Air Force General Staff; each callsign represents a place that had or still has significant importance in the ITAAF history. A certificate will be available; see <https://www.ari.it/images/stories/diplomi/centenarioam23.pdf> for information.
-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0407)

J8, SAINT VINCENT. Thomas, F4HPX will be active holiday style as **J8/AG7JQ** from "several islands" within Saint Vincent and the Grenadines **sometime in March**. He will operate mainly SSB, with some FT8/FT4 "when tired" and maybe "a bit of automated (sorry) CW" on 40-10 meters. QSL via [F4HPX](#) (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL.
-[425DXN # 1660 February 25, 2023] (0224-0324)

JD1/M, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ will be QRV as **JG8NQJ/JD1** beginning **March 15th** and expects to be here **for two months** while on work assignment. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL direct to [JA8CJY](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0414)

JD1/O, OGASAWARA. Look for **JD1BOI** (QSL via [JI1LET](#) and LoTW) and **JD1BON** (QSL via [JA1UII](#) and LoTW) to be active from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on **March 9th-24th**. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes (RTTY, FT8, FT4) on 160-6 meters.
-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0303-0324)

PJ2, CURACAO. Andy, DK5ON will be active again as **PJ2/DK5ON** from Curacao (SA-099) on **March 4th-22nd**. He will operate SSB, CW and digital modes on 160-6 meters. QSL via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [DK5ON](#) (direct or bureau). [TNX NG3K]
-[425DXN # 1660 February 25, 2023] (0224-0324)

PJ4, BONAIRE. John, KK9A will be QRV as **PJ4/KK9A** from **March 21st to 27th**. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes being active as **PJ4R** in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL via [WD9DZV](#).
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0331)

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. Tom, AA9A will be active again as **PJ7AA** from Sint Maarten (NA-105) from **March 3rd to April 1st**. Usually he operates CW, SSB and FT8 on 80- 10 meters. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW or direct to [AA9A](#).

-[425DXN # 1659 February 18, 2023] (0303-0331)

PZ, SURINAME. Harrie, PA3EHS is QRV as **PZ5HS** from Para **until March 25th**. Activity is on the HF bands using SSB, JT6, and FT8. QSL via [PA3EHS](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0324)

S7, SEYCHELLES. Dieter, AEØBF is QRV as **S79/AEØBF** **until March 19th**. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters. He has currently been active on 12 and 10 meters. QSL via [DJ2EH](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0324)

SU, EGYPT. Ahmed, 9K2QA is QRV as **SU9GA** from Cairo. He is active on 80 to 10 meters. QSL via [9K2QA](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0407)

SV, GREECE. The Greek section of the international 5th Ocean Club organizes an operating event during the **second half of March** around the special event callsign **SX41D**. QSL via bureau.

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0331)

T3Ø, WESTERN KIRIBATI. Soon the Rebel DX Group (including Kam, T3Ø/T33KC, who is already setting up antennas) will be active as **T3ØUN** from North Tarawa, West Kiribati (OC-017) **for about five weeks**. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6 meters with two CW operators, one SSB operator and seven FT8 stations. Note that it will be quite possible to see two FT8 stations on the same band at the same time on two frequencies (one operating on the standard frequency, and the other operating F/H on a different frequency - e.g. 14074 and 14090). QSL exclusively via [ClubLog's OQRS](#). See

<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup> for updates.

-[425DXN # 1663 March 18, 2023] (0317-0407)

V2, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA. Bud, AA3B will be QRV as **V26K** from Antigua from **March 21st to 27th**. Activity will be on the HF bands using mostly CW. He will be a Single Op/All Band/High Power entry in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL to [AA3B](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0331)

V4, SAINT KITTS & NEVIS. Bob, N4RF, signs **V4/N4RF** between **March 19th and April 1st**. QRV on 160-10m, mostly on CW, some SSB and FT8. QSL via [N4RF](#), LoTW.

-[DXNL # 2345 March 15, 2023] (0317-0331)

VE, CANADA. Pierre, VE3KTB is QRV as **VYØERC** from Eureka station on Ellesmere Island, IOTA NA-008, **until April 13th**. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 12 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8, and possibly on some of the FM Satellites. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0414)

VK, AUSTRALIA. Special event station **VI1ØØMB** will be QRV from **February 26th to February 25th, 2024** to celebrate 100 years of the Manly-Warringah Radio Society. QSL via LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 8 February 23, 2023] (0224-0324)

VK9N, NORFOLK ISLAND. Chris VK3QB, Luke VK3HJ, Alan VK6CQ and Patrick VK2PN, along with guest operators Matt KØBBC and Tom VK3FTOM, will be active as **VK9NT** from Norfolk Island (OC-005) on **March 17th-31st**. They will operate CW, SSB and FT8 on 160-10 meters and "some basic 6m" with up to three stations and will participate in the CQ

WW WPX SSB Contest as **VJ9N**. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#) and LoTW.

-[425DXN # 1659 February 18, 2023] (0317-0331)

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND. Sands, **VK9WX** is here **until April**. Activity is in his spare time on 80 to 10 meters. QSL via [MØOXO](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 9 March 2, 2023] (0303-0331)

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. John AF3K, Ross, W2TT and Diane, KA3FCE will be QRV as **VP5/AF3K**, **VP5/W2TT**, and **VP5/KA3FCE**, respectively, from Providenciales, IOTA NA-002, from **March 22nd to 29th**. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. They will be active as **VP5P** in the upcoming CQ World Wide WPX SSB contest. QSL VP5/AF3K, VP5/W2TT, and VP5P via [N2OO](#), and VP5/KA3FCE direct via [W2TT](#). All logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0331)

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. John, N9EAJ is QRV as **VP5/N9EAJ** from Grand Turk, IOTA NA-003, **until March 22nd**. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly SSB with some CW. He will make a side trip to the Columbus Landfall National Park for a Parks on The Air activation. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), LoTW or direct to [N9EAJ](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0324)

VU, INDIA. Special event station **AT2G2Ø** is QRV from Gurugram **until June 2nd** to promote greater international cooperation through amateur radio in conjunction with the G2Ø summit being held in New Delhi on September 9th and 10. QSL via operator's instructions.

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 10 March 9, 2023] (0310-0414)

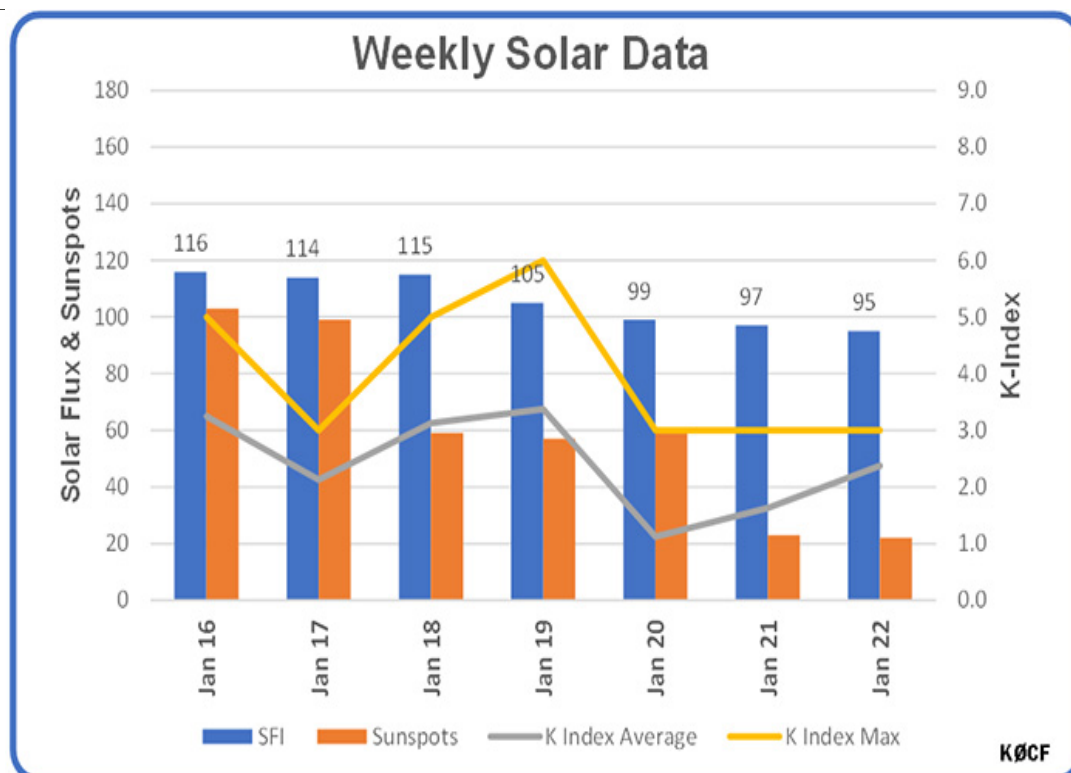
XE, MEXICO. Special callsign **4BØT** will be used **until the end of June**. "As its name implies, it is a semi-automated station or bot that uses the WSJT-Z program", Ramon XE1KK says. "The goal of the experiment is to test different scripts of the program while pointing the antenna in unusual directions and at different times". 4BØT will primarily operate on 10 and 12 meters FT4, and on 6 meters FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

-[425DXN # 1661 March 4, 2023] (0303-0324)

YJ, VANUATU. Chris, VK2YUS should be back on Efate Island, IOTA OC-035, and plans to be active as **YJØCA** from **March 18th to 28th**. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to [VK2YUS](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 11 March 16, 2023] (0317-0331)

Propagation



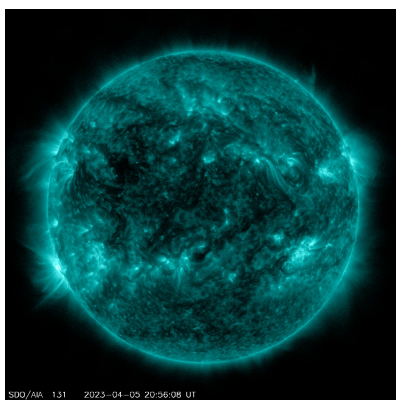
The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number and Planetary K-Index for the past 7 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the minimum, average and maximum K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

With activity on the sun diminishing, the Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin Propagation section will only be updated when warranted until further notice.

The very active Sun,
current view from NASA.

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view as a 48-hour video
loop. It is fascinating!



Propagation Notes (As of 10:33 AM 03/17/2023)

Solar flux readings have been on a slow decline during the past week, ranging from the weekly high of 179 on March 9th to a low of 135 on March 16th. The sunspot count weekly high was 135 on March 10th and 12th and the low was 84 on the 16th. Geomagnetic conditions have been relatively quiet except for a coronal mass ejection (CME) impact on March 15th causing the Kp index to hit 6.

Solar activity has declined this week, as reflected in the absence of significant flares until this morning at 1507 UTC. There is only a 1% probability of an X-flare in the next 48 hours.

Propagation conditions remain very good, with good DX on all the HF bands from 20 through 10 meters. The CME impact on March 15th resulted in a 6 Meter opening to South America. There have also been some nice openings on 10.

NOAA's predicted solar flux is 135, 140, 138, and 135 on March 17th-20th, then 132 on March 21st-22nd, 130 on March 23rd and 155 on March 24th.

Favorite Propagation web sites

Excellent Maximum Usable Frequency map: <https://prop.kc2g.com/>
<https://www.spaceweather.com/>
<https://www.solarham.net/>
<https://dx.qsl.net/propagation/>

Highs for Cycle 25

Solar Flux: 234 on January 15, 2023.

Sunspots: 209 on February 11, 2023.

Solar Flares This Week (As of 11:06 PM 03/19/2023)

Date	UTC	Mag.
Mar 20, 2023	0148	M 1.2
Mar 17, 2023	1507	M 1.0

Selected Upcoming Contests

Contest	Start		End		Web Site
BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Mar 18	0200Z	Mar 20	0200Z	Rules
Russian DX Contest	Mar 18	1200Z	Mar 19	1200Z	Rules
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	Mar 25	0000Z	Mar 26	2400Z	Rules
Louisiana QSO Party	Apr 1	1400Z	Apr 2	0200Z	Rules
SP DX Contest	Apr 1	1500Z	Apr 2	1500Z	Rules
JIDX CW Contest	Apr 8	0700Z	Apr 9	1300Z	Rules
New Mexico QSO Party	Apr 8	1400Z	Apr 9	0200Z	Rules
Georgia QSO Party	Apr 8	1800Z	Apr 9	2359Z	Rules
YU DX Contest	Apr 15	0700Z	Apr 16	0659Z	Rules
CQMM DX Contest	Apr 15	0900Z	Apr 16	2359Z	Rules
Michigan QSO Party	Apr 15	1600Z	Apr 16	0400Z	Rules
Ontario QSO Party	Apr 15	1800Z	Apr 16	1800Z	Rules
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB	Apr 16	1800Z	Apr 16	2359Z	Rules
Florida QSO Party	Apr 29	1600Z	Apr 30	2159Z	Rules
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW	May 6	0001Z	May 7	2359Z	Rules
ARI International DX Contest	May 6	1200Z	May 7	1159Z	Rules
7th Call Area QSO Party	May 6	1300Z	May 7	0700Z	Rules
Indiana QSO Party	May 6	1600Z	May 7	0400Z	Rules
Delaware QSO Party	May 6	1700Z	May 7	2359Z	Rules
New England QSO Party	May 6	2000Z	May 7	2400Z	Rules

CQ-M International DX Contest	May 13	1200Z	May 14	1159Z	Rules
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